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Case Number	Categorization	Family Characteristics	Family Characteristics		
			Comments	Panel Determination	Other Qualifiers
F-006-21-C	Natural causes/medical diagnosis	Medically fragile child		No abuse or neglect	
F-026-21-C	Neglect; Other	Coroner issues; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Other; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe sleep (other)	COVID	Neglect (unsafe sleep); Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
F-035-21-C	Drowning/near-drowning	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Cognitive disability (child); Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Medically fragile child; Other; Substance abuse (in home); Coroner issues	child was attending school virtually due to COVID restrictions - lack of transportation	No abuse or neglect	Apparently accidental

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F-055-21-C	Suicide (child); Gunshot (suicide); Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Law enforcement issues; Coroner issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means; Statutory Issues	The beginning of COVID restrictions began as the reunification efforts for index child were beginning, this compromised contacts with the family, some contacts conducted virtually due to COVID restriction  Training issues – although the coroner notified DCBS of the death, it does not appear the coroner deputy understood the rationale for the contact is to obtain social history information.	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Potentially preventable
NF-007-21-C	Neglect	Criminal history (caregiver); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Housing instability; Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Substance abuse (in home); Substitute caregiver at time of event		Neglect (medical)	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-015-21-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Bystander issues/opportunities; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Family violence; Financial issues; Housing instability; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (child); Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Serial relationships; Statutory Issues; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means; Law enforcement issues	COVID restrictions resulted in virtual contacts, services, court, etc.	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-028-21-C	Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse	DCBS history; DCBS issues; Bystander issues/opportunities; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Housing instability; In-Home Service Provider Issues; Lack of regular child care; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical issues/management; Medically fragile child; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Statutory Issues; Judicial process issues; Medical neglect	COVID restriction resulted in some virtual contacts and court hearings	Physical abuse; Abusive head trauma; Torture	Potentially preventable

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NF-039-21-C	Blunt force trauma - not inflicted (farm machinery, ATV, fall)	Criminal history (caregiver); Financial issues; Other	COVID	No abuse or neglect	Apparently accidental
NF-043-21-NC	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	DCBS issues; Law enforcement issues; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe access to deadly means	COVID restrictions resulted in virtual contacts and some appointment cancellations	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-065-21-NC	Abusive head trauma	DCBS issues; Lack of Sleep Plan; Other; Medically fragile child; Overwhelmed Caregiver	COVID restrictions limited visitation in the hospital, family contacts, etc.	Abusive head trauma	Potentially preventable
NF-071-21-NC	Gunshot (accidental); Neglect	DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Other; Unsafe access to deadly means; Statutory Issues	some investigative contacts virtual due to COVID restrictions), unsafe access	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-082-21-C	Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Financial issues; Law enforcement issues; Medical issues/management; Out of State CPS History; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing)		Abusive head trauma; Physical abuse	Potentially preventable
NF-097-21-C	Abusive head trauma	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Education/child care issues; Financial issues; Mental health issues (caregiver); Overwhelmed Caregiver; Substance abuse (in home); Substitute caregiver at time of event		Abusive head trauma	Potentially preventable
NF-102-21-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Housing instability; Law enforcement issues; MAT involvement; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means	mother reported being unemployed due to COVID	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable

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NF-105-21-C	Overdose/ingestion; Physical abuse	Bystander issues/opportunities; Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Housing instability; Impaired caregiver; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Medical issues/management; Medical neglect; Mental health issues (caregiver); Other; Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Unsafe sleep (bed sharing)	COVID - Lack of Plan of Safe Care	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect (medical); Physical abuse; Torture	Potentially preventable
NF-118-21-C	Gunshot (homicide); Physical abuse	Commonwealth/County Attorneys; DCBS history; DCBS issues; Statutory Issues; Other; Domestic Violence; Family violence; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of treatment (mental health or substance abuse); Mental health issues (caregiver); Mental health issues (child); Overwhelmed Caregiver; Substance abuse (child); Substance abuse (in home); Substance abuse by caregiver (current)	virtual court hearings, family contacts, NTI, and mental health service throughout the latter portion of services due to COVID restrictions	Physical abuse	Potentially preventable

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NF-122-21-C	Neglect; Overdose/ingestion	Criminal history (caregiver); Criminal history (in the home); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Lack of regular child care; Other; Substance abuse by caregiver (current); Substitute caregiver at time of event ; Unsafe access to deadly means	COVID restrictions contributed to social isolation and virtual contact	Neglect (general - can include leaving child with unsafe caregiver); Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-126-21-C	Overdose/ingestion	Cognitive disability (child); Criminal history (caregiver); DCBS history; DCBS issues; Domestic Violence; Environmental neglect; Financial issues; Lack of family support system ; Medical neglect; Medically fragile child; Out of State CPS History; Supervisional neglect; Unsafe access to deadly means		Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means; Supervisory neglect	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable
NF-140-21-C	Natural causes/medical diagnosis	Criminal history (caregiver); DCBS history; Financial issues		No abuse or neglect	
NF-144-21-C	Drowning/near-drowning; Neglect	Cognitive disability (caregiver); Financial issues; Other; Unsafe access to deadly means	COVID restrictions resulted in virtual home visits and contacts	Neglect due to unsafe access to deadly/potentially deadly means	Apparently accidental; Potentially preventable